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Title:	INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of the first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of all foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Since this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, copies of US references are not enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that six of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were ~~filed~~ in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 6,432,502 corresponds to JP 2001-273673. EP 0 825 595 corresponds to WO 97/34298. US 6,456,584 corresponds to JP 2000-36130. Partial English translations are provided for the following: JP 10-275360, the document by TSUNODA et al., the document by MORIGAKI et al., and the document by KUBOTA. English abstracts are provided for the following: JP 2002-225436, JP 2002-2116, and JP 2002-123977.

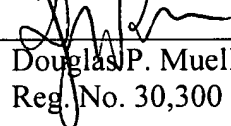
No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>FORM 1449*</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number:	Application Number:
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		TSUNODA et al. "Basics and Applications of Optical Disc Storage". <u>The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers</u> , Chapter 2, (1995) with partial English translation.					
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		YAMADA et al. "Phase-change optical disk having a nitride interface layer". <i>Japanese Journal of Applied Physics</i> , Vol. 37, pp. 2104-2110 (1998).					
		KUBOTA. <u>Wave Optics</u> , Chapter 3. (1971) with partial English translation.					

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